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MIDDLE EAST DEBATE

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1. THE REACTION OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AND MEDIA
TO THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL MIDDLE EAST
DEBATE WITHOUT ANY RESOLUTION OR CONSENSUS STATEMENT
HAS PREDICTABLY BEEN FAVORABLE. PLEASURE HAS BEEN
EXPRESSED AT WHAT IS REGARDED AS AN EGYPTIAN FAILURE
AND AT THE FIRMNESS OF THE U.S. STAND. THE PERSONAL
ROLE OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG IS ALSO FAVORABLY NOTED.
ISRAELI COMMENTATORS ALSO SEE A RIFT BETWEEN SADAT
AND FAHMI.

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2. DAVAR COMMENTED: "AMBASSADOR YOUNG DID NOT FALL
INTO THE TRAP SET BY THE ARABS WHEN THEY PRESENTED
THE BLACKS AND PALESTINIANS AS BROTHERS. AT A
CRITICAL MOMENT AMBASSADOR YOUNG DISRUPTED A
CLEVERLY IMPROVISED ATTEMPT TO DRIVE A WEDGE
BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ISRAEL. WHEN YOUNG MADE
IT CLEAR THAT HE WOULD USE THE RIGHT OF VETO

AGAINST AN EGYPTIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION, HE DETERRED EGYPT FROM PRESSING THE MATTER ANY FURTHER AND THUS STOOD UP TO AN IMPORTANT PERSONAL AND NATIONAL TEST."

3. AL HAMISHMAR WROTE: "THE EGYPTIAN INITIATIVE WAS STERILE AND POINTLESS FROM THE BEGINNING. EVEN WITH SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVAL, THE RESOLUTION WOULD NEITHER HAVE HASTENED THE GENEVA CONFERENCE NOR A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS IS TOO GRAVE AND COMPLEX FOR ANY PROPAGANDIST MANEUVER TO CONTRIBUTE TO A SOLUTION."

4. HAARETZ SAID: "SADAT HIMSELF IS RUMORED TO HAVE INSTRUCTED HIS SECURITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO RELAX THE PRESSURE. THIS REPORT CONFIRMS AMBASSADOR HERZOG'S THEORY THAT THE EGYPTIAN INITIATIVE AROSE FROM DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SADAT AND HIS FOREIGN MINISTER. FAHMI APPEARS TO HAVE BELIEVED THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE OVER THE WALDHEIM REPORT WOULD ENABLE EGYPT TO USE THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE SERVICE OF EGYPT'S PAN-ARAB POLICY WHEN ARAB LEADERS ARE PREPARING TO VISIT WASHINGTON."

5. THE JERUSALEM POST COMMENTED THAT THE EGYPTIAN INITIATIVE HAD BEEN SQUELCHED BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG, AND THEN GOES ON TO ASSESS CAIRO'S GOAL IN CALLING FOR THE DEBATE. "OSTENSIBLY, THE PURPOSE OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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EGYPTIAN INITIATIVE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WAS TO HELP HASTEN THE CONVENING OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE. IN FACT, IT WAS LARGELY DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT A REVISION OF RESOLUTION 242, WHICH REPRESENTS THE ONLY VIABLE FRAMEWORK FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS." NOTE: THIS IS THE FIRST REFERENCE WE HAVE SEEN TO ANY ALLEGATION THAT THE EGYPTIAN INITIATIVE WAS DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT REVISION OF 242.
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